

## **COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES**

### **MINUTES**

**February 10, 2016**

#### **COUNCIL**

Mark Anderson  
Phyllis Hansell  
Alexa Heffernan  
Guy Richardson  
Kim Spading  
Sam Wallace

#### **EX-OFFICIO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS**

Representative Joel Fry (absent)  
Representative Lisa Heddens (absent)  
Senator Mark Segebart (absent)  
Senator Amanda Ragan (absent)

#### **STAFF**

Chuck Palmer  
Sandy Knudsen  
Nancy Freudenberg  
Chad Dahm  
Marni Bussell

Wendy Rickman  
Vern Armstrong  
Amy McCoy  
Mikki Stier

#### **GUESTS**

Megan Bendixen, Iowa Medical Society

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Anderson, Chair, called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

All Council members were present (Wallace arrived at 11:35 a.m.). All ex-officio legislative members were absent.

#### **RULES**

Nancy Freudenberg, Bureau of Policy Coordination, presented the following rules to Council.

R-1, Amendments to Chapter 52, State Supplemental Assistance - Residential Care Facility and Family Life Home Assistance. These amendments were Adopted and Filed Emergency at the December 16, 2015 meeting of the Council on Human Services. This amendment was filed as Notice of Intended Action to allow for public comments.

A motion was made by Heffernan to approve and seconded by Richardson.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

R-2, Amendments to Chapter 151, Juvenile Court Services. These amendments improve the understanding of current juvenile justice services. The amendments also describe the expansion of juvenile justice services to juveniles age 18-21.

A motion was made by Richardson to approve and seconded by Hansell.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

R-3, Amendments to Chapter 176, Dependent Adult Abuse. These amendments improve the quality of service, streamline process, and update expectations by removing form numbers and altering form names pertaining to the dissemination of adult abuse information.

A motion was made by Hansell to approve and seconded by Heffernan.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **REPORT OF NOTICED ACTION**

N-1, Amendments to Chapters 77, 78, 79, and 83, Medicaid. Changes provider qualifications, service scope, duration, limitation and reimbursement methodologies for HCBS Prevocational and Supported Employment Services. This notice was originally presented to the Council at the September 9, 2015 meeting for consideration. During the public comment period, the Department received 190 comments from 23 respondents. The Department has amended the Notice of Intended Action to incorporate comments from the public.

A motion to accept the report of noticed action was made by Spading and seconded by Richardson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Hansell to approve the minutes of January 13, 2016 and seconded by Richardson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION**

Chad Dahm, Chief, Bureau of Child Care and Community Services, provided the Council with an overview of the Child Care Assistance (CCA) appropriation and also information regarding “Child Care Cliff Effect.”

The CCA appropriation supports:

- Low income families with working parents, parents gaining work skills, or parents going to school
- Regulation of child care providers
- Quality improvement activities for child care providers

Iowa’s State Plan for the Reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant is due 3/1/16

Major components with a July 1, 2016 implementation:

- 12 Month Eligibility
- Exit Eligibility
- Tiered Reimbursement
- Job Search Component
- Quality Set Aside

Major components with a September 1, 2016 implementation:

- Conduct onsite, pre-license/registration monitoring
- Conduct an annual, unannounced visit of all providers receiving funding under CCA, including non-registered and license-exempt providers
- Establish pre-service orientation training requirements for all providers serving families eligible for CCA

Mr. Dahm shared a handout which provides examples of the “Child Care Cliff Effect.”

## **CHILD WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wendy Rickman, Administrator, Division of Adult, Children and Family Services, reported that there are two vacancies on the Child Welfare Advisory Committee (1 Parent Partner; 1 Group Care Provider). Five applications were received and the chairs of the Committee recommend the following nominations:

Carly Shaw, Parent Partner  
Jen Sievert, Group Care Provider

A motion was made by Hansell that the Council accept the nominations. Motion seconded by Richardson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **UPDATE ON MIDWEST ACADEMY**

Vern Armstrong and Wendy Rickman provided the Council with an update on the Midwest Academy. The academy is a private “therapeutic boarding school” located in Keokuk, Iowa. On January 28, 2016, the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) executed search warrants on the academy in response to safety issues. The DHS was contacted and completed 28 assessments to assure kids were safe. DHS also assisted in contacting parents and custodians to make alternative arrangements for their children.

Rickman reported that the Departments of Human Services, Inspections and Appeals and Education will be meeting to discuss formulation of legislation to address these types of providers/services.

## **STATE INNOVATION MODEL (SIM) GRANT UPDATE**

Mikki Stier and Marni Bussell, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, provided the Council with an update on the State Innovation Model (SIM) grant.

Handouts were distributed that provided a background and vision for the grant. The Iowa SIM vision is to transform health care to improve the health of Iowans through:

- Implementation of Value Based Purchasing models in Medicaid Managed Care
- Support of providers in community-based performance improvement
- Development of community care coalitions to improve care delivery
- Improvement of care coordination by using a Statewide Alert Notification (SWAN) system
- Development and execution of plans to improve population health around diabetes, obesity and tobacco use.

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Director Palmer reported the following:

The Child Mental Health and Well-Being bill has passed onto a larger committee in the Senate

The Managed Care Organizations continue to sign providers. DHS continues to work with CMS (Center for Medicaid Services) toward approval for a March 1 start date for Iowa’s Medicaid Modernization.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sandy Knudsen  
Recording Secretary